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MONTANA BOARD OF LIVESTOCK APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(HELENA) – Today, the Montana Board of Livestock appointed Mike Honeycutt as the new Executive Officer of the Montana Department of Livestock. Honeycutt most recently served as Managing Director of the National Council for Agricultural Education, an organization dedicated to promoting and advancing secondary, post-secondary and adult farmer agricultural education across the nation. Honeycutt has been an active member of farm organizations and has served in leadership roles impacting state and federal agriculture policy.

“I am humbled and honored to be tapped by the Board of Livestock for this opportunity,” Honeycutt said. “The livestock industry is a cornerstone of Montana’s heritage and its present. I am looking forward to working with the department and industry leaders across Montana to ensure a bright economic future for livestock production in this state. I cannot imagine a better way to serve my fellow citizens of Montana.” In his role as Executive Officer, Honeycutt will lead the Department of Livestock in administering, protecting, promoting, and regulating the livestock industry.

Honeycutt served nearly nine years on the staff of the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) leading teams responsible for delivering agriculture and leadership programs to a national membership of more than half a million. He served as a local agriculture teacher and FFA advisor for five years. Honeycutt holds a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in Agricultural and Extension Education. Honeycutt, originally of North Carolina, is married to Raylee, a native of Ft. Shaw, Montana. They live in Helena with their twin daughters.

Honeycutt will begin serving as Executive Officer on February 1, 2016.

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